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REMARKSOverview

Claims 1-3 and 5-20 are pending, with claims 1, 9, and 14 being independent. Claims 1, 9, and 14 have been amended. Support can at least be found at paragraphs 7-8 and 24-26. Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Interview

The examiner is thanked for holding an interview. On April 26, 2007 Applicant's representative, the undersigned, had a telephone interview with the examiner. The section 103 rejection with reference to a proposed amendment of claim 1 was discussed and it was indicated that amended claim 1 would overcome the current rejections. Amendments similar to the proposed amendment of claim 1 are included in this submission.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-20 are rejected as allegedly being obvious in view of a combination of two or more of King et al. (Patent Number 5,745,904; "King"), Benson (Publication Number 200410225675 A1; "Benson"), Cras et al. (Patent Number 6,831,668; "Cras"), and Potts, Jr. et al. (Patent Number 6,516,339; "Potts"). These rejections are traversed.

The claims, as amended, should be allowed because features of the claims are not disclosed in the cited references. King does not disclose a business reporting tool or business planning tool.

Independent claims 1, 9, and 14, as amended, include features directed to a business reporting tool and a business planning tool. For example, claim 1 recites, in part:

"a business reporting tool which performs online analytical processing business reporting operations based on one or more data objects accessed from a data buffer, and

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a business planning tool, integrated with the reporting tool, which performs online analytical processing business planning operations based on the one or more data objects accessed from the data buffer.”

For example, a business reporting tool, in some implementations, may be used to view data corresponding to a price, sales, make, model, and year of trucks sold by a company. Present Application, ¶ 24. As another example, a business planning tool, in some implementations, may be a manual planning tool that determines “the expected sales of a certain make, model, and year of a truck based on changes to the price.” Present Application, ¶ 25.

King is alleged to disclose similar features; however, this is not the case. For example, retrieval of a record is allegedly a reporting tool, yet a tool is not identified and, even assuming retrieval of a record can be considered a reporting tool, such retrieval of a record is not “a business reporting tool which performs business reporting operations based on one or more data objects accessed from the data buffer.” See claim 1. A retrieval of a record does not amount to a similar feature. Thus, King does not disclose the reporting tool of claim 1. See, Reply faxed January 30, 2007, pages 2-3.

As another example, with regards to King lacking a business planning tool, an alleged planning tool of King is a “find” index function” that returns a records table record identifier. However, for at least the reason the index function is not related to business planning, this disclosure does not amount to “a business planning tool, integrated with the business reporting tool, which performs business planning operations based on the one or more data objects accessed from the data buffer.” For example, returning a records table record identifier does not amount to business planning. As another example, no business planning operations are disclosed. Compare, for example, the present application which discloses, in implementations, “the execution of business planning tasks on [] multidimensional structures entail[ing] changing the data in a simulative manner.” Present Application, ¶ 4. The indexing function is not the same as a planning tool. Thus, King does not disclose the planning tool of claim 14. See, Reply faxed January 30, 2007, pages 3-4.

As neither the reporting tool or planning tool are disclosed in King, and they are not disclosed in Benson (neither “reporting” nor “planning” exist in Benson), the

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combination of King and Benson fails to disclose features of independent claims 1, 9, and 14 and the independent claims are allowable. As claims 2-3 and 5-8; 10-13; and 15-20 depend on claims 1, 9, and 14, these claims are also allowable.

Conclusion

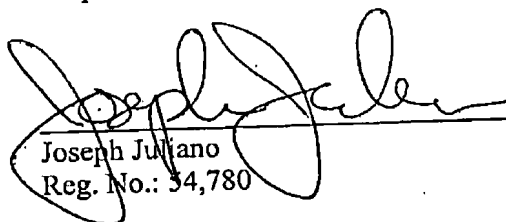
In view of the remarks herein, claims 1-3 and 5-20 should be allowed. The foregoing comments made with respect to the positions taken in the office action are not to be construed as acquiescence with other positions of the office action that have not explicitly contested. Accordingly, arguments for patentability of a claim should not be construed as implying that there are not other valid reasons for patentability of that claim or other claims.

If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 34874-022-UTL.

Respectfully submitted,

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